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Cooperation Treaty application number PCT/US2005/021851, owned and filed by the applicant on the instant application. PCT application number PCT/US2005/021851 and the instant application are both principally directed to low pressure drying or granular resin materials preparatory to molding or extrusion of those materials. The references listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 are from the International Search Report for PCT/US2005/021851.

Copies of United States patent references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed herewith pursuant to the August 5, 2003 Official Gazette notification waiving the requirement to submit copies under 37 CFR §1.98. However, a copy of the German reference is enclosed for the Examiner's records.

As respecting the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) for a concise statement of the relevance of the German, non-English language reference, German Patentschrift 421,770 appears to disclose some type of heating or drying equipment having a plurality of silo-type structures mounted for rotation about a vertical axis to thereby travel between or among stop stations at which filling or other processing of the material into or within the structures may occur.

As respecting the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(ii) for submission of an English-language translation of the German reference if such an English language translation is within the possession, custody or control, or readily available to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56, no such English language translation is within the possession, custody or control of, or readily available to, any of the individuals identified in 37 CFR §1.56.

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The references are being submitted based on issuance of the International Search report in PCT/US2005/02185 to avoid any inference of inequitable conduct.

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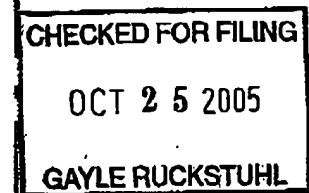
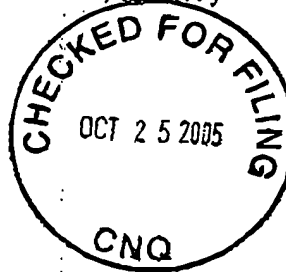
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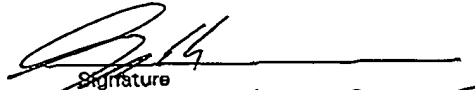
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